

BA ranked as 'Top 100 Best Places to Live'

Money Magazine lists Broken Arrow at No. 69

MONEY Magazine has announced its 2012 list of the "Best Places to Live," and Broken Arrow made the Top 100 coming in at No. 69.

"We know what a wonderful city we live in," said Broken Arrow Mayor Craig Thurmond. "But it's always nice to see the rest of the country recognize what a great place Broken Arrow

is to live and raise a family.

Editors looked at cities that offer what American families care about most — strong job opportunities, great schools, low crime, quality health care, and plenty to do.

"The name might bring to mind a fierce Indian warrior, but today this town, once settled by Creek Indians, is the safest

city in Oklahoma," said Money Magazine editors. "That, plus a quick 20-minute commute to Tulsa, affordable homes, high job growth, good schools, and sprawling parks, has sent Broken Arrow into high-growth mode. The city is doing its part by revitalizing the downtown; besides several new restaurants and retailers, there's now a

performing arts center and a historical museum; a new events park is in the works."

Carmel, Ind., was ranked No. 1 on the list. Other Oklahoma cities on the list included Edmond, No. 73; Moore, No. 77; and Norman, No. 92.

Broken Arrow was also ranked in Money Magazine's Top 100 in 2006 and 2010.

Donate old cell phones to BAPD program

Before throwing away your old cell phones, consider donating them to the Broken Arrow Police Department Crime Prevention unit.

The donations will help victims of domestic violence and raise money for the crime prevention unit and domestic violence prevention programs.

The department hopes to tap into a portion of the estimated 30 million idle phones sitting in drawers and closets across the country.

"With a donated phone, a domestic violence victim (or a potential victim) can call 911 in an emergency," said Broken Arrow Crime Prevention Specialist Lisa Ford. "Most cell

phones are programmed to call 911, regardless of whether the user has purchased a service plan or not."

Phones can be dropped off 24 hours a day 7 days a week at the Broken Arrow Police Department, 2302 S. First Pl. in a designated container in the police department's lobby.

"This program will help in many ways," Ford said. "It will help all victims of crimes, keep unwanted phones out of landfills and help the crime prevention unit with other programs that benefit the whole community."

For more information on the program, contact Ford at 918-451-8213 or e-mail lford@brokenarrowok.gov.



BA City Council approves resolution on Vision2

The Broken Arrow City Council approved resolution No. 755 encouraging residents of Broken Arrow to vote on the Vision2 proposal on Nov. 6.

Aug. 13, Tulsa County commissioners unanimously voted to put a two-part, \$748.8 million sales-tax proposal on the Nov. 6 election ballot.

The proposal would extend the 0.6 percent Vision 2025 sales tax rate through 2029. Broken Arrow's portion of the Quality of Life package would be approximately \$44 million.

The city staff, City Council, the Build a Better Broken Arrow Committee and the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation, will work together to identify projects and hold a town hall meeting in the future to seek input from residents regarding the proposed projects.

Vision2 Proposals:

Proposition 1 - Approximately \$386 million for economic development – improvements on key industrial sites at Tulsa International Airport and a \$50 million closing fund to offer final incentives to companies considering locating in the area.

Proposition 2 - Approximately \$361 million package for quality-of-life improvements to be selected by the county and each of its cities.

*Don't forget to get out and
Vote Nov. 6*

Chamber to begin 2012 Buy BA campaign

The Broken Arrow Area Chamber of Commerces' 18th annual "Buy Broken Arrow" campaign began Nov. 3.

Building on last year's success and issuing nearly two and half million tickets at over 100 locations, the chamber's goal this year is to make "Buy Broken Arrow" reach even more consumers by again offering \$15,000 in total prizes.



Tickets are distributed as follows:

- One ticket for each \$10 purchases. For example: Entering Business = 1 ticket - \$10 = 1 additional ticket; \$20 = 2 additional tickets; and a maximum of 100 tickets per purchase
- Persons must be at least 18 years of age to participate and win.
- Government or school district purchases will not be eligible for drawings.

Participants don't have to be present to win!

Watch the local news; check the Chamber's website, www.bachamber.com, or check the City of Broken Arrow's website, www.brokenarrowok.gov, for the winning number to be announced at Regional Hyundai, 2380 W. Kenosha St., Dec. 17 at 3 p.m.

For a list of participating merchants, go to the Chamber website under events.

Paper shredding location available

The Broken Arrow Police Department established a partnership with the Gatesway Foundation to Prevent Identity Theft with a free and permanent shredding location.

The Broken Arrow Police Department recommends shredding all documents; including pre-approved credit applications, insurance forms, bank checks and statements you are discarding, and other financial information.

Not only will citizens have the opportunity to dispose of confidential material in a safe and secure setting the shredded paper will be recycled. This program provides jobs for the community.

The shredding drop off location is 116 W. Commercial St., in Broken Arrow.

The hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Junior golf program available

Former ORU college golfer Amanda Fisher, now LPGA certified instructor, has teamed up with Battle Creek Golf Course to provide a fun and educational fall golf program for kids through Nov. 3.

Instruction will combine short-game instruction, swing analysis and on-course lessons to teach kids the game.

Those kids hoping to compete at the junior high or high school level of golf will greatly benefit from this program. Cost is \$22 per week.

For more information, call 918-557-8762.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOV. 15-DEC. 15

Now through Dec. 17 — Buy Broken Arrow campaign continues. Winning ticket will be announced at 3 p.m.

Now through Dec. 31 - "Quilts: Past to Present" Broken Arrow Historical Society and Museum, 400 S. Main St. The exhibit will include an extensive display of quilts and quilt tops. You will also find antique and vintage sewing machine along with sewing ephemera. Plus, a bake sale will be hosted by Historical Society members. For more information, call 918-258-2616.

Nov. 15 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Nov. 20 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Nov. 23-24 — City offices closed for Thanksgiving.

November 23 — Rhema Lights Display Begins 6:30 p.m. The RHEMA Christmas Lights Display was introduced in 1982 with approximately 60,000 lights. This year, more than 2 million lights will illuminate the RHEMA campus from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year's Day from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m. This year's display is expected to draw more than 200,000 visitors from all over Oklahoma

and surrounding states. Admission is free.

Nov. 27 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 4 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 6 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 11 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.



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